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\$40 million raised in 6 years

BY JOHN TULLY
Staff Writer

At a gala held last Friday to celebrate the conclusion of a six year pledge drive dubbed "Taking Excellence to New Heights," it was announced that donations to Salisbury University almost doubled the initial goal of \$25 million to just under \$40 million.

"We asked the community to invest in 'Taking Excellence to New Heights' — and the response has been overwhelming," said Foundation Board Chair Charlie Capute, in a statement released by SU. "Salisbury University's future is bright."

Capute spoke at the event, alongside Campaign Chair Henry Hanna, President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and Vice President of Advancement Rosemary Thomas, all of whom focused their remarks on the importance of campus improvements, community outreach and scholarships.

"SU provides a great return on investment in terms of people and programs," said Hanna, in a statement released by SU. "Many have shown support of, appreciation for and belief in this institution. Their generosity confirms that Salisbury University, with its superior graduates, is a tremendous asset to our region."

Thomas said two large gifts—\$8 million from the Perdue family and \$5 million from Salisbury resident Lucy Tull—spurred charitable giving from community members and alumni.

"From larger gifts, smaller gifts were born," Thomas said. "Everyone wanted to be a part of it."

Dudley-Eshbach noted that there



Photo Courtesy of Kathy Pusey

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of more than 23,000 alumni, community friends and campus supporters over the past six years, Salisbury University's Campaign 2012 exceeded its original goal by nearly \$15 million, ending just inches from \$40 million. Pictured (from left) during a festive celebration of "Taking Excellence to New Heights" are Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas, vice president of University Advancement and executive director of the SU Foundation, Inc.; University System of Maryland Board of Regents Member Barry Gossett, and SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach.

were over 23,000 donors over the course of the six year campaign, and that all of the money has been designated, whether it be for the Teacher Education and Technology Center built in 2008 or Perdue Hall, which opened last fall. The majority—more than \$13.8 million—was raised for scholarships.

"I believe it demonstrates a commitment to access to education at Salisbury University," Thomas said, noting that the generous outpouring of support makes her very optimistic about making later ambitious plans and ideas into a reality.

Dudley-Eshbach said that while public funding from the state of

Maryland provides operating costs for the school, private money provides the "nicer things" that keep SU competitive.

"And now some of our facilities rival those of Harvard or Yale—I believe we're that good," Dudley-Eshbach said.

Future plans include the construc-

tion of new recreational and athletic facilities, a fine and performing arts center and above all, a library.

"You celebrate, you jump up and down, you eat some hors d'oeuvres, but the reality is it doesn't stop," Dudley-Eshbach said. "I'm always looking at what we can do next."

Marriage equality close for MD'ers

BY JAMES TOWNSEND
News Editor

Over the past few weeks, a group of Salisbury University students have been covering the city inch by inch, fighting a grassroots battle for marriage equality.

Backed by the organization Equality Maryland, a lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual civil rights and advocacy group, graduate student Julia Glanz has been coordinating volunteers to go everywhere from farmers markets, neighborhoods and SU's campus in search of support for the Civil Marriage Protection Act.

The bill, which would legalize same-sex marriage in Maryland, is set for a vote in about three weeks. If passed, Maryland would become the eighth state to allow same-sex marriage.

"We're really optimistic," Glanz said. "The bill came close last year, but it's the first time the governor has actually sponsored it."

While Governor Martin O'Malley has supported similar movements in the past, his sponsoring of the bill is expected to influence legislators to vote in favor.

"We are going to be successful in this legislation by recognizing the dignity in one and other, by recognizing the common humanity that all of us share," O'Malley said at a press conference on Jan. 24. "It's what allows us to look into the eyes of every child in our state and say that this child is a child of god and that this child is worthy of the protection of the laws equally that all of us come together to support in order to make our state a better place, a more just place, a more caring place."

But their position is not without opposition.

On Jan. 31, hundreds of local religious leaders and citizens, for and against same-sex marriage, showed up at a Maryland senate committee to heavily debate the issue.

The very same day, Glanz and other SU students were out in Red Square gathering signatures on postcards in support of the cause.

"We're gathering these cards to show legislators that their constituents are in fact for gay marriage," Glanz said. "We got 140 in just one afternoon, and when we drop them off a huge pile of these in the end, I think it will really

make an impact."

Glanz estimated that at least 90 percent of the people she has talked to in Salisbury support same-sex marriage. Joining her last Thursday in gaining signatures was SU junior Julie Gellman.

"For the most part, students have all been willing to sign," Gellman said. "I'm finding that Salisbury is really polite because everyone has been so nice and supportive, even the people who said no."

A recent poll by "The Washington Post" agreed with their observation, reporting the highest record of support for same-sex marriage in the state, with only 44 percent of Marylanders opposed.

"It's important to me because I know a lot of gay, lesbian and bisexual people, and I want them to have the same rights that I do," Gellman said. "Every couple, no matter what, deserves to express their love like everyone else."

However, even if the bill does pass, their battle will not be over yet. The opposition is already planning to petition for a referendum vote, meaning that despite its expected success, the ruling will go back to a state-wide vote in November.

This action is not unheard of. After legalizing same-sex marriages in California, religious groups in the state followed the same procedure to overturn the government's decision in 2008.

Until then, Glanz will be continuing the fight, searching for new volunteers to help gather signatures, call legislators and go to Annapolis for hearings.

An independent event is also planned by the Student Government Association, the Graduate Student Council and the Institution for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, to open the discussion of same-sex marriage to the campus on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Wicomico Room.

To join the debate visit www.thesuflyer.com and vote in the weekly poll.

See related editorial, "MD on the path to Civil Rights history," on page 4.

Book sell-back rivalry heats up

BY MERYAM GHARBI
Staff Writer

At the end of any semester, students are left with a pile of purchased textbooks and several options as to what to do with them. While some students may decide to keep their books, the majority want to get as much money back as they can by selling them.

For most Salisbury University students, there are several buyers more than willing to take books off their hands, such as the SU Bookstore, Penn Text and online marketplaces. While it may seem ideal for students to sell back to the campus' own facilities, competition is growing and as many are finding, the SU Bookstore cannot always compete with outside deals.

Jason Balish, senior, has compared prices between Penn Text and the SU Bookstore each year before choosing a buyer.

"I never sell my textbooks back to the Bookstore. They're terrible," Balish said. "I've saved \$15 to \$20 on a single book by just walking across the street to Penn Text."

He's not alone either. Because of growing price differences, many students are finding the bookstore less and less worth it.

However, convenience and location might be the SU's Bookstore's best friend. Many students are looking to sell their books right away and get fast money, without the hassle of shopping around for a buyer.

Lisa Gray, director of the SU Bookstore, said that her business has in fact not seen any recent de-

crease in profit, proving that students still prefer selling back to the Bookstore.

Despite her confidence, the SU Bookstore was forced to step up its game last semester by offering several buyback locations, including one within walking distance of the Penn Text van. They also offered several incentives such as a raffle for a book scholarship and an Apple iPad, to compete with Penn Text's own raffle for a flat-screen TV.

"I just don't see them surviving too much longer this way," Balish said. "Eventually enough students are going to realize that there are better deals right across the street, and they're going to lose. It all comes down to the money we get back."

What's in a credit?

"I paid a lot of money for that class, but I don't feel like I learned that much." - Senior Matt Oberly

BY MARY CAPPER
Staff Writer

When it comes to determining how much a class at Salisbury University should cost, the only thing that is considered is the number of credits that the class is worth, and not, as some students are coming to realize, how often it meets, how much teacher-student interaction there is or whether the class is online.

During the fall and spring semesters, full-time students pay a set tuition rate to take anywhere from 12 to 19 credits. When a student takes less than 12 credits, they pay for each credit individually, each credit costing the same set price, despite the nature of the class.

Over winter term, senior Matt Oberly took an online physical education class. Oberly said the class met only one time, and the rest of the term relied on self-directed activities.

Students were told to exercise five times a week in 30-minute increments, and the only way the teacher was able to tell that the students exercised was through heart rate monitors they were supposed to wear when exercising.

"I paid a lot of money for the class, but I don't feel like I learned much," Oberly said. "Basically, I paid a lot of money to do it all on my own."

Oberly, an out-of-state student, paid \$1,800 for his class, which was a requirement for graduation.

Recently tuition prices have increased, making the financial load harder on students like Oberly.

However, Chief Budget Officer

Alan Selser argues that SU is a public school, and while the Maryland state board covers some university expenses, when costs of health care, cleaning or classroom supplies increase, tuition has to make up for the rest.

"Normally a teacher is paid a set amount to teach around three or four classes in both the fall and spring semesters, but during the winter sessions, teachers are paid based on the number of students enrolled in their class," Selser said.

Currently, winter term professors are paid the same amount as a professor who lectured students several times a week in person for the whole term, whether or not the class is online, has differing workloads, or any personal interaction with instructors.

What it comes down to then is what students acquire from each class.

"The learning should not be different," Selser said. "The only difference between regular and online classes is how you get the information."

During fall and spring semesters, some classes require extra costs over the standard tuition.

Psychology major Thomas Parrish took a one-credit music class that cost him \$200 to take, despite only meeting once a week for only 30 minutes last fall.

For Parrish, the class became a time when he was forced to practice percussion for the ensembles he is a part of.

"It was kind of a waste of time," Parrish said.

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Food waste finds new life

SU keeps it green with new compost plan and hydration stations

BY KATELYN DRAPER
Staff Writer

Banana peels, apple cores, napkins and other scraps typically slip behind the Commons revolving carrier on burgundy trays, disappearing out of sight. But this semester, the mystery is unveiled as the University's Dining Services introduces their new composting initiative.

The gloved hands of the "behind the line" staff hover over the trays scavenging for the biodegradable. Anything surviving the separation process is dropped into a pulper where it is merged with water and grinded into mush. The water is then sucked from the mush and dried into what feels like smooth grains of rice.

Hidden behind the walls where endless trays are handed off, UDS staff are running their hands through the very green future of the Commons.

UDS as well as the Director of Campus Sustainability and Environmental Safety Wayne Shelton and the Director of Auxiliary Services Paul Land and members of the Student Government Association, have partnered with Blue Hen Organics to change the direction of food scraps, napkins and more from its usual home in the dumpster into topsoil for local communities.

The bacteria breaking down the contents in the green bins out back provide an alternative way to handle food waste by repurposing the scraps into a soil enhancement.

Last year 1,039 tons of waste went to the landfill from Salisbury University, Shelton said. Composting the food waste will cut the landfill waste by an estimated 200 tons or more.

"Not composting would simply remove a valuable source of nutrition from the cycling process," said William Nelson, professor of Environmental Studies.

In 2009, inspired students were given

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-Director of Campus Sustainability and
Environmental Safety, Wayne Shelton

permission to study the results of composting on campus. The group traveled door to door of dorm buildings collecting scraps directly from students. The collection was composted and added to the campus gardens near the Philosophy and Conflict Resolution houses where student hands worked the soil.

"Students have a bigger impact than they think." -
Wayne Shelton, Director of
Campus Sustainability
and Environmental Safety

The movement foreshadowed the changes to extend the life of the local landfill and hold students responsible for investing in the afterlife of their food.

Artwork by Adora Bowman
"Students have a bigger impact than they think," Shelton said.

Green efforts continue to color the campus in the form of hydration stations.

Mike Bengtson, member of the SGA senate, and Katherine Mooney, Vice President of External Affairs for the SGA, were granted permission to install units that would keep students hydrated with filtered water, reducing the need for plastic water bottles and providing a sanitary way for students to use water fountains.

Bengtson said students would prefer a "mini-Brita system" to the tap in their dorm rooms. The units were originally placed in the University Fitness Center, but after much research concerning the units, Bengtson and Mooney found they would be refreshing for SU's full campus.

Crime Beat

1/30/12
8:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
THEFT
Student reported the theft of personal property from the University Fitness Center women's locker room.

1/29/12
12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
THEFT
Student reported his secured bicycle was stolen from the Chesapeake Hall bike rack.

2/01/12
9:45 p.m. - 11 a.m.
THEFT
Student reported his secured bicycle was stolen from the Nanticoke Hall bike rack.

2/03/12
7 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.
DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR
Student reported she received threatening text messages from an acquaintance.

2/03/12
1 p.m. - 10 p.m.
THEFT
Student reported her personal property was stolen from her backpack that was left unattended in the Commons Building.

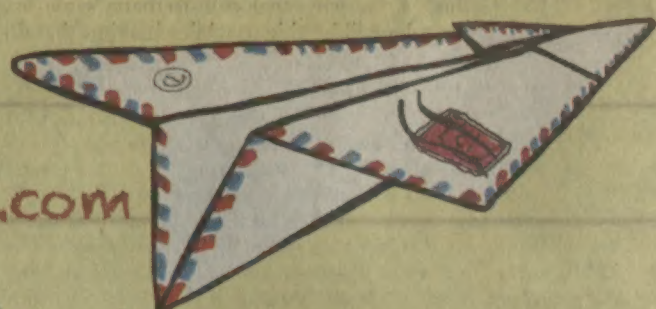
2/05/12
12:30 a.m. - 12:35 a.m.
ROBBERY (OFF-CAMPUS)
Student reported he was robbed by three subjects while walking alone near Orchard Circle. The case is being investigated by the Sheriff's Department.

2/05/12
12:45 a.m. - 1:15 a.m.
ALCOHOL VIOLATION
St. Martin's Hall Resident Assistant reported an alcohol violation in the building. SUPD officers arrived and four subjects received citations for alcohol related violations.

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Overheard: What was your favorite Super Bowl commercial?

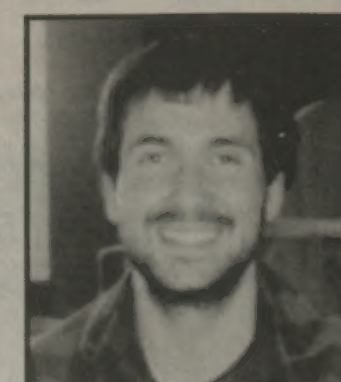
Photos by Pete Hicks



"The Coca Cola polar bears were pretty intriguing. I like that Coca Cola has been using them for years."
- Bill Langan, junior



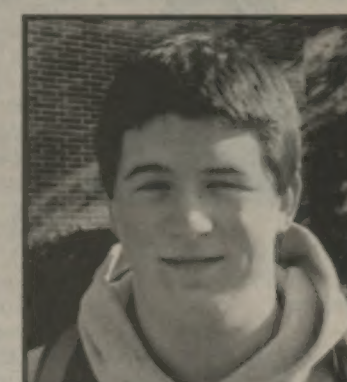
"It was a car commercial but I don't remember what company. But they were eating twinkies and that was cool."
- Shannon Soderberg, sophomore



"I liked the Hyundai commercial where they all sang, even though I don't remember what song it was."
- Shawn Zimmerman, senior



"I always like the doritos commercial because they are funny. Especially the one with the dog."
- Clare Billingsley, junior



"The Budweiser Platinum one at the beginning of the game. It was really cool...but I don't endorse underage drinking."
- Stephen Fox, freshman

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A professor's teaching style affects students' effort



BY SARAH KRAUSS
Copy Editor

With the creation of websites such as ratemyprofessor.com, students are taking extra measures to ensure that their professors meet their personal standards.

Whether its easiness, experience

or attractiveness, enrollment in a class is placed largely on who is teaching and how he or she teaches. However, not all professors should be taken at face value.

Sure, ratemyprofessors.com might tell you that a professor is extremely difficult in the classroom, but high expectations may stimulate motivation and success in a class. This week I experienced a professor who walked into the classroom and immediately started calling roll, no introduction or welcome. The response from the class was complete silence as he described the horror stories of falling behind quickly and flunking the course.

Although this may intimidate

some students to drop the class as soon as they can log on to Gull-Net, give the professor another chance to demonstrate how they can improve your learning experience. The hardest teachers may end up being the best, and in my experience at Salisbury University, they usually are.

In contrast, a professor who enters the classroom and describes how much fun a student will have during the course may encourage a student to slack off. Fun and hard work are antonyms, and students, if they're like me, do not take the class or class work seriously when a professor describes all the leisurely activities that will occur over the course of the semester.

I make a mental note to put that class's assignments at the end of my laundry list of work and feel relaxed showing up without having completed the 50 or so pages of required reading.

A new semester means a new opportunity to prove to yourself, your professors and future employers that you are capable of meeting high expectations and can work well under intense pressure. These skills are ones that will benefit you in the working world, as you won't be able to choose your boss based on easiness or attractiveness. You might just surprise yourself with what you are mentally capable of.

Maryland on the path to Civil Rights history



BY STEVEN CENNAME
Staff Writer

The Washington State Senate passed the bill legalizing same-sex marriage on Thursday, joining the six other states where same-sex marriage is legal. And Maryland is not far behind.

Governor Martin O'Malley's marriage equality bill is modeled off the bill passed in New York last summer. The bill legalizes same-sex marriage in Maryland, while churches and religious institutions are still able to practice their own beliefs and will not be forced to marry same-sex couples. This way, everyone wins.

The bill is widely expected to pass in both state houses, but if it does, opponents can force a referendum by collecting signatures. Only 55,736 signatures would be needed, which are very easy to get. It is expected that after the bill passes, Marylanders will vote on the issue.

The real challenge lies here. The anti-gay National Organization for Marriage will spend millions of dollars spreading lies, false ads and anti-gay propaganda all over Maryland.

NOM's lies are a reason why no marriage equality initiative has ever survived a referendum. In 2008, NOM ran a false ad in California that claimed that if gay marriage was approved, elementary school students will be taught about the basics of homosexual intercourse. This is obviously a lie.

The truth was that under California's same-

sex marriage law, public school students would be taught tolerance. That was too much for NOM to handle because its members hate tolerance and civil rights, so they used their money to lie to the people of California.

Another frequent NOM lie is that legalization of same-sex marriage destroys religious freedom. This is completely false. O'Malley's bill actually expands religious freedom. Under his bill, churches that want to marry same-sex couples will be able to while churches that do not want to do not have to. This will give more religious freedom to two-marriage equality churches like the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church.

The most hilarious NOM lie of all is that legalizing same-sex marriage will "destroy the institution of marriage." Britney Spears had a 55 hour marriage, Larry King got divorced eight times, Kim Kardashian's marriage lasted 72 days, and Tiger Woods had countless affairs while married. What can a loving gay couple do to the institution of marriage that these clowns haven't done already?

Believe it or not, some people are actually stupid enough to fall for the lies NOM spreads. Right now, polls indicate that marriage equality has strong support among Marylanders, but NOM has pulled off the impossible before.

In Maine and California, polls indicated months before the election that pro-gay initiatives would pass with a large majority. However, after months of false ads from NOM, the opposite happened.

In the months leading up to the 2012 election, we will not only be bombarded with ads from candidates for office, but also with reprehensible and dishonest ads from hate groups like NOM.

I have faith that the people of Maryland are smart enough not to fall for right-wing propaganda and will make history as one of the first states where the people voted to grant civil rights to gays and lesbians.

The Republican primaries: The fracturing of a political party



BY PETE HICKS
Editorial Editor

The Republican primary elections have turned from what could have been a rallying point for the GOP into petty squabbles and a media goldmine.

Former Governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney is considered to be one of the two frontrunners in the race for the presidential nomination even though he seems to be a fake Republican. While Romney was governor, he led his state to pass a bill creating statewide government-funded healthcare. Now that he wants to be president, he is attacking the new healthcare legislation from the Obama administration.

Romney continues to surprise with claims about his business experience will help him save the country from its economic woes. But Romney's company, Bain Capital, is one that buys out other companies that are in debt and risks a lot of money trying to support failing businesses, kind of like a bailout. And even if said company under Bain Capital goes bankrupt, and some have, the failing company will still owe millions of dollars to Bain that it can't pay.

Romney is also involved in personal battles with the other frontrunner for the nomination, Newt Gingrich. Besides the fact that Gingrich's name sounds like it belongs to a villain from an animated children's movie, his past is not something that can be overlooked by voters.

Gingrich, as speaker of the house, led the impeachment process against former president Bill Clinton because of his adulterous activities while Gingrich himself was cheating on his second wife. His first wife, having been divorced after he cheated on her, and, according to said wife, discussed the terms of the divorce while she was recovering from cancer surgery in the hospital.

Gingrich and Romney don't just attack one another's political views but also each other's financial history and personal statements. Debate between the two of them has devolved from serious discussion about the future of our nation into an attention-grabbing show for major media outlets to play with.

The other major candidates, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul, are both too extreme to win over the majority of the Republican Party. Santorum is so far to the right that moderate America could never rally behind him.

What Paul thinks about an issue is always a surprise. Paul is pro-life but anti-war, making him a confusing mix of political policy. He used to be a Libertarian before his entrance on the Republican scene, so his chances for nomination are slim at best. However, Paul seems like nothing more than a friendly grandfather during debates and would probably have the greatest chance out of any to win support away from Obama.

Winning against Obama should have been the focus of the Republican primaries all along. Instead of fracturing the party and attacking each other, the candidates should have tried to unite the Republicans of America to defeat the incumbent democrat. Now Obama has a seemingly sure victory against a party divided.



Boozing after breakups: Helpful or hurtful?



BY ABIGAIL COLBY
Party Girl Problems
Columnist

Let's face it, you're about as likely to find true love at college as you are to find a keg of O'Douls at a frat party. Despite the less-than-stellar success rate, students every year attempt to navigate the seas of committed relationships, choosing to live life monogamously even while surrounded by the invasive atmosphere of promiscuity and rumors that can instantly shatter the trust between two people. While some relationships stand the test of vodka and turn into a marriage, many succumb to the environmental and emotional strains that college life can place on a long-term love.

Although college may not be the best place to attempt to make a long term connection, one constant exists for relationships at any stage in life: breakups. What does change is how they are dealt with.

In high school, having your heart broken usually meant calling your best friend a lot, distracting yourself with sports or homework and sniffling through "The Notebook" a few times (admit it...). However, in college, one is usually more likely to find their inner strength from a strong drink.

Despite the freedom one has to use alcohol to cope with a love gone wrong, you may be surprised to find that these beverages may do more harm than good when it comes to dealing with relationship issues, for a multitude of reasons:

1. Lessened control over emotions: You can always pinpoint the tipsy people at a restaurant because they are almost always the one's laughing loud enough for the person washing dishes in the kitchen to hear. While a few drinks can certainly enhance one's mood, a glass or six can cause someone to hold less control over their negative emotions as well. Unfortunately, sobbing about your ex

outside of Taco Bell at 2 a.m. is not a good look for anyone.

2. Lowered social inhibitions: While nothing eases the transition into the single world quite like a shot or two, it doesn't take long before that number is tripled, and you're seeing double. Although being outgoing is extremely important when taking a social scene by storm, intentionally drinking more than you usually do may also cause you say and do things you usually wouldn't as well. And as liberating as table dancing appears to be in music videos, it often has messy results when attempted in real life.

3. Sneaky hangover symptoms: While most associate hangovers with headaches and nausea, hangovers can affect one's emotional well being as well. In a study published in The Oxford Journal, Adele McKinney and Kieran Coyle found that heavy alcohol consumption produced an aftermath of disrupted sleep patterns and feelings of anxiety and depression. For someone who is already feeling down, using alcohol to self-medicate could have disastrous results.

On the opposite side of the spectrum, I've noticed that males, when looking for potential suit-

(Mis)Adventures in Life and Love

Do college students really know what they want?

Editor's note: (Mis)Adventures of Life and Love is a new editorial column, written anonymously, concerning one SU student's adventures in, well, life and love.

Chapter One

Love and college go together like milk and vodka. I know that sounds weird, but sometimes the two can be a great combination...and I love a good White Russian.

In my five years in college, I've learned quite a bit outside the classroom. A lot of this knowledge is invested in the dysfunctional relationship between males and females.

Here in this Salisbury funky-town, I've learned no one really knows what they want when it comes to the opposite sex. Everyone has ideas, "I want a girl that does..." or "I want a boy that likes to..." It seems to me that everyone's idea of their "dream" date is much different than what they would actually settle for. And what they would settle for is a lot different than what they would describe in a personal ad or on a dating show.

How many times have you seen girls start their Facebook status with "I want a boy that..." and followed it with something stupid and dishearteningly unachievable? Well fellas do not worry! She may say that, but you'll probably work.

If a girl posts as her Facebook status, "I want a boy that looks like John Stamos," (disregard her strange taste), and you look more like Bob Saget, she'll take you. How about those girls who are always claiming to be searching for a "nice" guy? That's a joke. These are usually the girls I try to stay away from, but for some reason I just can't. I almost guarantee, when it comes to these girls, being a nice guy is the only way not to get laid.

On the opposite side of the spectrum, I've noticed that males, when looking for potential suit-

ers, are more likely to determine traits they do not want rather than what they do want. Once again, these rules do not matter. I'd say guys are more likely to break their own rules than those of the fairer sex.

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Males who have yet to "find themselves," for lack of a better term, might not look past physical traits. This is a phenomenon that only goes one way. Here's a problem I had in my younger days: I would meet a beautiful girl that seemed so thoughtful, so oblivious to reality, almost "offensively dumb," dumb to the point I'd be concerned how they survive on their own. I wouldn't trust them behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. These girls are incredible to look at but painful to talk to, but given the chance, I'd still hook up with them. I'll use myself, again, as an example here: I crossed "sorority girls" off my list a long time ago, but there's just something about them...

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying people need to figure out what they want and stay strictly within those rules. How about this, ladies, keep searching for your bad-boy-with-a-heart-of-gold, and I'll keep on the lookout for my bimbo with some brains. Deal?

-GC

Valentine's Day in a generation of individuals



BY AJIA ALLEN
Staff Writer

Rising hip-hop artist Drake probably said it best in one of his latest songs, "Doing It Wrong," saying "We live in a generation of, not being in love, and not being together..."

The kids born in the 90s and raised in the late millennium, referred to as Generation Y, should have social welfare at the top of their list of worries. But Valentine's Day is subtly approaching and secretly moving to the front of everyone's minds. But passing years and larger priorities have unintentionally pushed the meaning of days such as V-Day to the back of most busy

Americans' minds.

Is it appropriate to suggest that the meaning of a "holiday" based in romance has lost significance altogether?

Generation Y seems to lack interest in personal involvement and relational commitment as a whole. Fault is not entirely theirs of course. The preceding generation hasn't shown an abundance of romantic commitments that have lasted. In fact, today's media promotes independence so much that togetherness has taken a back seat to individual goals.

Lovers easily turn into nothing more than manipulated consumers as V-Day is typically used as another economic ploy to increase business

sales. Does Valentine's Day have value without monetary expenses? Absolutely.

The distractions of life make it difficult to recognize the reasons for set days such as V-Day. It should not be in existence for the purpose of wasting money. Valentine's Day serves a purpose to intervene in our lives and remove everyday distractions so that we can see what's important, love.

It is important to understand the necessity of community and human closeness and to avoid close-mindedness and fear toward expression.

It is perfectly OK to appreciate intimacy and embrace emotion because strength in community soon follows.

We owe ourselves the opportunity to be receptive of better guidance and ways of thinking. Any hindrance of mental improvement, whether it is societal influence or a social atmosphere, deserves to be eliminated.

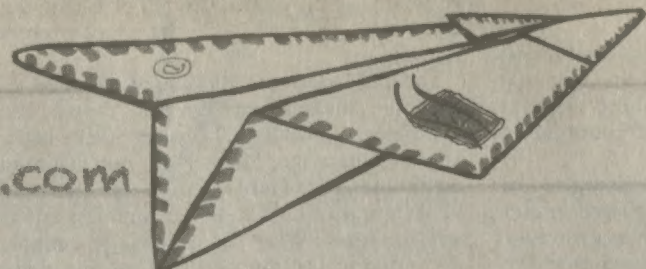
The succeeding generation to Y is dependent on the preceding example of a collective effort to embrace one another. Otherwise the label "Lost Generation" will be more than suitable for our own.

This Feb. 14 and the following days, everyone should make it a priority to individually reflect on their ability to improve their community and aid their surrounding strangers as well as show affection toward loved ones.

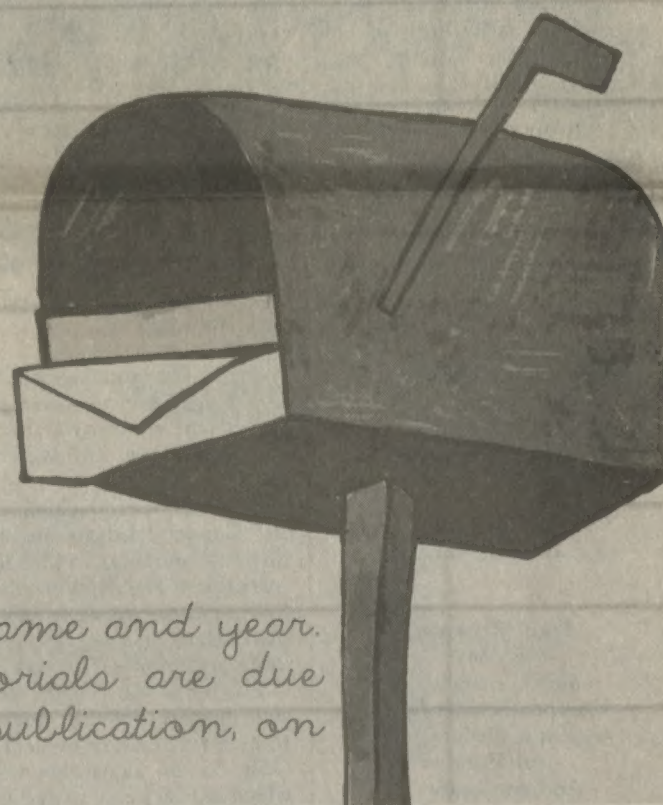
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GULL LIFE

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Students explore culture in Scotland

BY KRISTINA JACKEREAS
Staff Writer

Communication Arts Professor David Burns believes that students learn more outside the classroom.

Burns put his philosophy into action when he traveled abroad to Scotland with his Communication, Culture and Identity students last January.

"It was great to see the students broadening their horizons a bit," he said.

Senior communications major Chelsea Kotlas had never been to Europe before the trip and said it was an experience she will always remember.

"The days felt short because it got dark around three every day," Kotlas said. "But it was fun to experience a different country and its people. Surprisingly, the locals had good perceptions of Americans."

The class focused on the community, culture, and identity of Scotland. The students were able to study Scottish people, Scotland's relationship with Great Britain and the changing roles of castles and cathedrals. The students also toured various parts of Scotland, including Edinburgh and St. Andrews. They even visited other parts of Europe.

"The students were allowed to be on their own on weekends," Burns said. "So they went to places like London, Ireland and Amsterdam."

Burns also said the students seemed to learn a lot more outside of the classroom.

"It was so easy to learn once I was out there and seeing the landscape and the buildings," said senior communications major Kathleen Martin.

This was Martin's second trip to Europe. However, the first time she was only there for two days and was eager to go back. She added that European cities appeal to her more than American ones.



Photo courtesy of David Burns

Senior Laurel Heflin visits with a horse at an impromptu tour stop at Newton of Collessie Farms in Fife, Scotland.

"Everyone was so friendly there," Martin said. "At the hostel we met some great people from France and Argentina. It was interesting to learn first-hand about different cultures around the world."

The students also seemed to enjoy the people and atmosphere of Scotland. Senior communications major Michael Drake enjoyed meeting tourists from Canada and Spain, and even met some Scottish children who showed no fear of older American tourists.

"There was some Scottish kid who had no problem sticking his tongue out at me," Drake said. "But I did meet a kid who told me that he liked my style. The people there were very open and fun."

Aside from the sights and sounds

of Scotland, senior communications major Beth McCullar enjoyed the experiences of living in a hostel with her peers.

"We all became really close on the trip," McCullar said. "We constantly cooked dinner together, and it was enjoyable. It really helped us get to know each other."

Though Scotland is currently a winter semester only trip, Burns said the communications department is striving to plan a summer program or semester trip in the near future so students can enjoy studying abroad in Scotland for more than three weeks.

"This was the fourth trip to Scotland so far," Burns said. "It has become very popular."

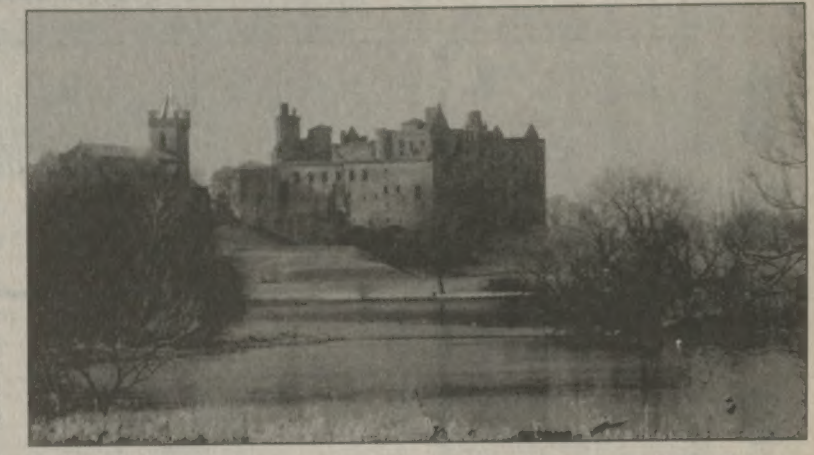


Photo courtesy of David Burns

On the trip, students visited places such as Linlithgow Palace, the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots.

Spiritual ensemble brings African American history to life

BY JOHN TULLY
Staff Writer

When the American Spiritual Ensemble entered the packed Asbury Methodist Church last Saturday night, immediately launching into a dueling a cappella rendition of "Walk Together, Children," they held true to their mission "to keep the American Negro Spiritual alive."

The concert this weekend followed two days of community choral workshops and master classes with Salisbury vocal students, led by members of the Ensemble. The concert featured a performance of the Ensemble inside the University Choral, Salisbury Choral and the participants in the community workshop, as well as student soloists from SU.

John Wesley Wright, vocal teacher at SU and member of the American Spiritual Ensemble, saw the workshops as a way to enhance students' performance abilities.

"What we do is a trade, and we're passing it on to them," Wright said.

diversity of our community and really our state," she said. "These songs have historical significance. It's a very emotional experience."

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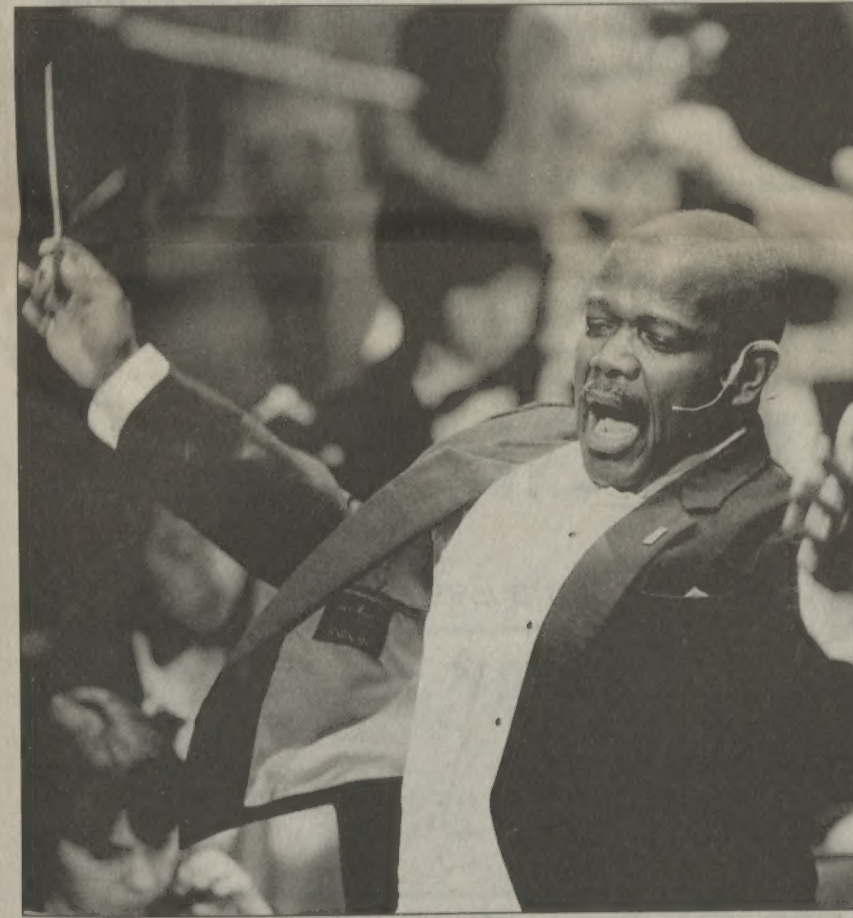
University Choral member Nate Gioconda considered the entire experience to be formative. "In a word, it was inspirational," said Gioconda, a junior music education major. "Especially to start the semester with such talent, it really motivates you to keep singing, that you might be a part of something like this someday."

Dudley-Eshbach emphasized the importance of the Master classes, and the influence that the performers can have on the students that they work with.

"These professionals come and they work with Salisbury University students, and these students—who are already incredibly talented—they just bloom," she said.

The most prevalent emotion that Dudley-Eshbach felt after listening to the voices of the American Spiritual Ensemble fill the church with almost palpable harmonies was optimism.

"There's a hopefulness," she said. "That we might be able to rise above the mistakes of our past."



Jonathan Palmer photo, courtesy of The American Spiritual Ensemble
Ensemble Founder and Music Director Everett McCorvey sings with the American Spiritual Ensemble.

Indian sitarist Hari Sharma to perform Wednesday

BY STEVEN CENNAME
Staff Writer

A stringed instrument similar to the guitar, the Indian sitar was popularized in the western world by The Rolling Stones, who used it at the beginning riff in "Paint It Black," and The Beatles, who used it in "Norwegian Wood," "Across the Universe," "Within You Without You" and "The Inner Light."

Salisbury University students will have the opportunity to see a sitarist perform live in Holloway auditorium Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.

Indian sitarist Hari Sharma is moderately well-known in the professional musical community. His music is said to create colorful musical landscapes, invoking the details of a full melody through structural and technical approaches. A professionally trained electronics engineer, Sharma fused music with electronics to invent an electronic tanpura, and Indian musical instrument, which he named Raagini. He also invented Taal Tarang, which is an electronic tablet instrument that mimics the tone of the Indian drum. These inventions can act as accessories to the sitar in the same way an amplifier is used by guitarists. The Taal Tarang and the Raagini assists musicians by giving their melodies a richer, more electronic sound. The Taal Tarang and the Raagini are what give Sharma his claim to fame.

These inventions are sought by many professional musicians and sitarists all over the world. His instruments are used by many well-known musicians, including Indian composer A.R. Rahman, the Acad-

emy Award winning songwriter known for his scores in the movies "Slumdog Millionaire" and "127 Hours."

An example of a famous sitarist is Beatles' guitarist George Harrison, who went to India to learn how to play the sitar when he became interested in the instrument while the band was filming their second movie "Help." He is playing the sitar throughout the band's hit "Norwegian Wood." After the success of "Norwegian Wood," The Beatles started using the sitar on a number of their songs.

It should be noted that the sitar is very difficult to tune and sitar players tend to re-tune after each melody. Depending on the type of sitar, it can have anywhere from 18 to 24 tuning pegs, so expect breaks between songs for tuning. A typical sitar can have 18, 19 or 20 strings, which adds to the difficulty of tuning the instrument. Sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs as part of its "Fusion" cultural events series, admission to Sharma's performance is free and all the public is invited.

If you go

WHAT. Sitarist Hari Sharma

WHERE. Holloway Hall Auditorium

WHEN. Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7 p.m.



Courtesy of SU public relations

An inventor of electronic instruments, Hari Sharma is also known for his performance on the sitar.

Student studies strange plant protein

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN
Staff Writer

No matter how far scientific knowledge evolves, there are always basic questions that remain unanswered.

For example, p80 is a type of protein that repairs genetic material in humans. Plants possess a protein that corresponds to the plant protein. The two proteins are homologous, which means they share a common genetic history. However, no one knows the exact function of the plant form of the protein.

Salisbury University junior Sean James has set out with Biology Professor Les Erickson to find the answer.

A biology major and chemistry minor, James is currently in the beginning stages of a research project to study the effects of this protein. He will perform a process called "yeast two-hybrid system."

"We are currently planting different strands of yeast on a variety of different plates that are lacking certain nutrients," James said.

He explained that the plant's genetic code may or may not be altered during the process. To find out, they will need to sequence the code. The concept is similar to the process of sequencing the human genome.

"We can't do the sequence (at SU), so we'll have to send it out to another university," James said. "Then they will perform a deoxyribonucleotide sequence."

He explained that these results will demonstrate whether the plant protein, like its human counterpart, plays a role in DNA repair.

"This is exciting for us because it has never been before," James said.

However, the project is still in its beginning stages. Erickson performed screen tests in December, and James began working with Erickson



Amanda Biederman photo

Student Sean James makes petri dishes in Henson. James is currently preparing to begin a long-term research project with Professor Les Erickson.

this semester. So far, he has only been in the lab twice. He is working on getting a regular routine down.

He plans to continue the project through the semester and apply for a summer research grant. Potentially, James may work on this project through his senior year. However, he is not sure exactly what the research will involve.

"Once we're done with (the sequencing), we'll look at our results and decide where we want to go from there," James said.

He added that the research may involve looking

at other plant proteins and comparing them to p80. After he graduates, James plans to obtain a doctorate in molecular genetics. He then hopes to pursue a career in research; specifically, he is interested in genetics and cancer treatment.

James explained that research is crucial for scientific advancement.

"Science research advances our knowledge of the natural world," he said. "It is vital to our understanding of ourselves, our surroundings and our very lives."

He added that the research may involve looking

Health Report

The new year brings new resolutions for weight loss - but are the diets safe?

BY SARAH WOODS
Health Columnist

January 1 of each year unleashes a fervor of dieting, working out and so-called magic weight-loss solutions for the thousands of people who have made it their New Year's resolution to lose weight. Young women and men attempt crash diets that celebrities have reportedly followed.

A brief Google search for "crash diet" accrues 487,000 results. Most are websites like crash-diets.net and crash-diets.com explaining particular crash diets or summarizing the gloss.com, that describe diets that celebrities have done or promoted.

According to thegloss.com writer Ashley Cardiff, 50 Cent went on a liquid diet for nine weeks, Natasha Henstridge abused diet pills and supplements, and Christian Bale ate only "an apple and a can of tuna (every day) for months."

Many young adults look to celebrities for the ideal body shape and physical appearance. When word gets out about the dangerous methods public figures use to achieve their physique, some people assume that copying them is not only safe but the best way to lose weight.

Many doctors will impress upon their patients that dieting is not the way to lose weight and keep it off. In fact, several studies indicate that only 10 to 20 percent of dieters retain any weight loss. However, a review of studies published by the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition showed that people who made lifestyle changes to eat balanced diets retained an average of 23 percent of their initial weight loss after five years of maintenance.

The new year is a great time to make a lifestyle change toward healthier living. A healthy lifestyle diet should include moderate amounts of a variety of food groups, low refined sugars and thirty minutes of moderate exercise three times per week.

For more detailed fitness information, go to choosemyplaya.gov or visit the Student Health Services Center.

Events!

Wednesday, Feb. 8
-SU POMS 3rd Annual Valentine's Day Candy Gram Fundraiser in front of Commons 2-6 p.m.

-Education Student Teaching Seminar at Fruitland Primary Media Center 4:30-6 p.m.

-Sitarist Hari Sharma in the Great Hall 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 9
-SU POMS 3rd Annual Valentine's Day Candy Gram Fundraiser in front of Commons 2-6 p.m.

-Dirt the Movie Henson 103 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 10
-SU POMS 3rd Annual Valentine's Day Candy Gram Fundraiser in front of Commons 2-6 p.m.

-Soul Food Dinner Commons Bistro 4:30-7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 13
-SU POMS Valentine's Day Candy Gram Fundraiser in front of the Commons 2-6 p.m.

-Bridges to the World: Japan - Hula Girls Great Hall 7 p.m.

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In memory of Stephen Berstler Jr.

Editor's note: It is with a heavy heart that The Flyer announces the loss of one of our own, Stephen Lee Berstler Jr., who passed away Dec. 30, 2011.

To a roommate, best friend and brother in arms:

What can I say? I miss you like crazy; we all do. You left us too soon but you are in a better place, smiling down on us and probably foam rolling too.

I remember the day I met you. We were next to each other in the strength testing line for cross country physicals. Immediately I could sense your passion for Salisbury, running and, most importantly, life. I came home that night and had a Facebook friend request from you. You were known for your exuberant amount of Facebook friends, all 2500 of them.

I accepted the request and immediately had a message from him telling me to relax and I had nothing to be nervous about in terms of the college transition process. I knew immediately I had a best friend.

Only a best friend would give up half of his spring break to drive six hours and stand in the freezing cold all day just to watch me run around a track 25 times in a small meet.

Only a best friend would give up half of his spring break to drive six hours and stand in the freezing cold all day just to watch me run around a track 25 times in a small meet. Earlier in the week Steve ran his first 10k at the Wake Forest meet and fell in love with the event. This was my first 10k and Steve wanted to be there so he could see me experience the same emotions he had felt in prior days. I am really going to miss your witty sense of humor. You were full of character and knew exactly what to say and how to make us laugh. Half the time your comments or jokes made absolutely no sense but you



Ted Plunkett photo

Stephen Berstler Jr. runs in a cross country CAC championships race for the Salisbury University men's cross country team Oct. 29, 2011.

didn't care because you knew you were making us happy, which is what you truly wanted. Mission accomplished.

I will never forget our two years of rooming together. We had so many crazy moments whether it was chasing you down on Wingo Street when you were lost on a run, hilarious pranks, eating meals, watching you do ridiculous stretches and calisthenics while simultaneously quoting obscure movies or just going for a training run. We always had a blast.

You approached everything with a passionate attitude. Whether it was running, teaching, school or writing for the school paper, you left no stone unturned. You put every ounce of energy into everything you did, and the results speak for themselves.

Steve, the impact you have had on my life is incomprehensible. To say you had a positive influence on

everyone who was blessed enough to know you is beyond an understatement. I love you brother, Rest easy.

- Staff Writer and Dear Friend Andrew Cantor

To say many great things about a person you knew for an unfortunately brief period of time is rare, but there is no way around it with Stephen Berstler.

He possessed great enthusiasm and an exceptional work ethic that makes jobs like mine very easy and enjoyable. Reading his work every Sunday was always a pleasure and I could see his talent grow each week.

During his time with The Flyer, I did not know of his involvement in so many other activities, but it didn't

surprise me, as Stephen was a man whose light was too bright to shine in just one place. His versatility made him a great asset to the school, and he was cherished by all whom he associated himself with.

Cross country Head Coach Jim Jones knew Stephen very well. "He made people around him better, always gave words of encouragement before and after races and gave 100 percent," Jones said.

"Stephen gave a lot to everyone else but was also prided by his own hard work."

The Flyer asks for many things from its writers, and Stephen was one of the few to fulfill all the requirements and bring something new to the table. It was rare for Stephen to attend a meeting without an idea he had for a story, something I requested of each writer.

His parents also shared some of

their favorite memories of Stephen.

"He was convinced that he was going to be a pro basketball player and everyone in the school was in awe of him," said his mother Sandy Basenese. "He was always very focused, determined and had lots of generosity and compassion for all around him. He was very inspirational to many people, especially to his brother and sister, who ran track too; we are a track family."

To have someone taken away from us at such a young age is harder than almost anything, and it makes it even harder because Stephen was such a valued member of this organization. He will be greatly missed, and on behalf of every staff member of The Flyer, I would like to say God bless all those that are affected by this tragedy.

"His laugh was fun, he had a funny laugh, I loved his laugh," said his father Stephen Berstler Sr. "Stephen taught me as much as I taught him and I liked the fact he became very responsible and, of course, he would have been a coach somewhere in the future."

Port authority discovered his car at the New York City Armory near the George Washington Bridge, but have not yet located the body.

"Although there is no new news from the port authority, the door of hope is always open."

To celebrate the life of Stephen, there will be a memorial service held in Holloway Hall this Thursday at 7 p.m. Any and all who knew Stephen or were affected by his numerous contributions to the school are welcome to attend.

- Sports Editor and Proud Associate Patrick Drengwitz

If you go

WHAT. Memorial Service in memory of Stephen Berstler Jr.

WHERE. Holloway Hall Auditorium

WHEN. Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7 p.m.

In the fast lane with the Salisbury Rollergirls

BY MARIAH BAUGHAN
Staff Writer

Agility, athleticism, hard work and team camaraderie is what it takes to skate for the

Salisbury Rollergirls.

Ambitious 20 year old, Eva Paxton, aka Buster Skull is a player, coach and the president of the Salisbury Women's Roller League. All

the skaters are required to have a position on and off the track in order to keep the league organized.

The Salisbury Rollergirls pride themselves on their

competitiveness, as well as their welcoming and friendly atmosphere. After the bouts that take place at Mitchell's Martial Arts in Salisbury, the competing leagues can often be found joining each other for an after-party at Specific Gravity

"There is a lot of respect for all the players because everyone is aware of the hard work that it takes to be a rollergirl."

- Eva Paxton, a.k.a. Buster Skull, player/coach

"There is a lot of respect for all the players because everyone is aware of the hard

work that it takes to be a rollergirl," Paxton said.

Team Captain Caitlin Marvel, aka Marv E. Lust, has skated for the Salisbury league for two years. She emphasizes the importance of a sisterhood-like team. While having played previously in Pittsburgh for nine months, she had similar experiences.

Marvel also noted how fun the ability to be aggressive is, saying, "The more stressful my day is, the more I excel in practice."

With recruitment night on Feb. 26, there is still time to join the Salisbury Rollergirls. The league practices three times a week, travels during the season and hopes to work its way up in the Women's Flat Track Derby Association this year, starting with the first bout on March 1.

In roller derby, two five member teams skate on the track at one time. Each team

has a scoring player called the jammer and the other four members act as blockers. One blocker is designated as a pivot, meaning she can become a jammer at any time.

The bout is played in two periods of 30 minutes each. Points are scored during "jams," plays that last up to two minutes. During a jam, points are scored when a jammer laps members of the other team.

Each team's blockers use strategic plays and full body contact to help the jammer score, while simultaneously blocking the opposing team's jammer. Violations and illegal blocks do exist, and referees can call penalties that send players to the penalty box.

For more information the league, contact Salisbury Rollergirls Eva Paxton by email at busterskull00@yahoo.com.



Photo courtesy of the Salisbury Roller Girls

The Salisbury Roller Girls pose for a team shot in this Facebook photo.

Athlete Spotlight



Anna Hackett

BY MARK ECKARD
Staff Writer

Women's basketball freshman guard Anna Hackett has propelled the women's basketball team to an 11-9 record overall and an 8-4 record in the Capital Athletic Conference.

Anna has made a huge impact so far this season, including contributions of 17 and 13 points in conference wins last week over Stevenson and Wesley, respectively. Hackett, a Germantown, Md.

native, leads the team in scoring with 13.3 points per game, in total steals with 26 and in assists per game with 4.6.

What do you like most about Salisbury University so far?

"I like playing basketball, and the campus is really nice. We have a great group of girls on the team, and I love hanging out with them."

What are your goals heading in the final six-game stretch of the season and the CAC Tournament?

"We want to finish the season in the top three in our conference so that we can get home-court advantage for at least one game in the conference tournament."

What are your team's biggest strengths at this point in the season?

"We are becoming more comfortable playing with one another. Defensively, we are working more collectively as a unit and helping each other but only when needed."

Describe your team's playing style.

"We have become more aggressive on defense as the season has progressed and on offense, while we like to look for fast break opportunities when they are available, we like to control the tempo of the game and run our plays."

What has been the key so far to your team's strong conference play?

"We understand the importance of conference games and what is on the line. We (also) have used the nonconference games to prepare and get ready for play within the CAC."

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Justin Odendhal photo
First year coach Josh Merkel talks to players Derrick Miller (44) and Trent Epps (32) during a second half time-out in Wednesday's win over Marymount.

Men's B-ball defeats Marymount; looks to finish season strong

BY PATRICK DRENGWITZ
Sports Editor

After a slow start, the Sea Gulls (12-9, 5-7 CAC) picked up the pace and tightened up on defense to pick up a home win against the Marymount University Saints (5-15, 1-10 CAC).

From the tip-off to about six minutes in, the Saints were easily flustered the Sea Gulls offense and taking advantage of missed rebounds and numerous fouls. At one point, Marymount even had an eight-point lead and it looked as if the game was running away from SU.

First-year head coach Josh Merkel called a time-out around the six-minute mark in hopes of fixing the mistakes and avoiding Marymount widening the gap even further.

"We have gotten off to slow starts before, but tonight our defense played so hard," Merkel said. "I told the guys that we needed to get our fists up and so the defense was really the story tonight."

It was clear this his encouragement

after the time-out stuck, as a new team had definitely stepped out onto the floor. SU began to steal balls left and right, eventually tallying seven in the first half and 11 on the night. Passes became crisper and shots were taken at a more conservative level.

A three-point buzzer beater by senior forward Jason Nwosu ignited one of the largest crowds for a basketball game in quite some time. The crowd continued to make its presence felt, thundering with cheers and claps when the Sea Gulls came up with big plays.

"We needed to lock in early and make it defensive," Nwosu said. "When we made it defensive like we needed to, we set the tone from there and let everything else take care of itself."

Salisbury heads to St. Mary's for the next match-up on Wednesday, where tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. The Sea Gulls return home for their penultimate game to host Hood College in Maggs at 8 p.m.

Title IX turns 40

BY CORY SZNAJDER
Staff Writer

2012 marks the 40th anniversary of Title IX being made into law, and it has left a big impact on both education and athletics in such a short period of time.

The law was designed to end gender discrimination in school activities. Since it has been in action, the number of female athletic scholars has increased significantly.

According to Title IX "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

This means that men and women get the same opportunities and benefits from their schools, which include athletic events.

Since the law was put into place in 1972, the number of women participating in NCAA Varsity athletics has

increased by approximately 456 percent, according to the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education.

Salisbury University has seen its participation in athletics from both genders increase since Title IX was made a law. Physical Education Professor Thomas Sticher has noticed a first-hand.

"I have been here for a long time and the growth of the women's programs has been tremendous," Sticher said.

SU offers 11 women's sports and all receive funding and promotion from the school for their needs. Women's athletics has also seen a lot of success on the field, with programs like lacrosse, field hockey, soccer and volleyball winning titles in recent years.

One thing that Title IX supporters think needs improvement is the amount of participation from female athletes. The amount has increased but there are still a lot more men participating

in sports at school than women, which is also true at Salisbury.

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- Thomas Sticher

According to Title IX Online Directories, the split of men to women participating in sports is 63-37, making college athletics predominately male.

There have been some detractors of the law because of rumors that schools have been forced to cut certain sports due to the need to meet the law's "three-pronged test." A school

Since the law's enactment, SU women's sports have grown.

must meet one of the three standards to comply with Title IX.

First, they must provide athletic participation opportunities that are proportionate to the enrollment of the school. Second, they must continually expand their athletic opportunities for the underrepresented sex. Third, they must provide full accommodations and interest for the underrepresented sex.

It has been said that some schools have been forced to cut one program because they had too many for one gender and not enough for the other, but no truth has been brought to those claims.

"I think those who are against the law need to be parents to fully understand it," Sticher said. "I have a daughter, and I want her to have the same opportunities as my son whether it's athletics or anything."

Title IX is still a young law, but its impact is growing by the day and can reach to new heights in the future.



SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR



Wednesday - 2/8

*Women's basketball @ St. Mary's at 6:00 p.m.
*Men's Basketball @ St. Mary's at 8:00 p.m.

Friday - 2/10

*Men's & Women's Tennis Sea Gull Open @ TBA

Saturday - 2/11

*Men's & Women's Tennis Sea Gull Open @ TBA
*Women's Basketball vs. Frostburg State University @ FSU at 1:00 p.m.
*Men's Basketball vs. Frostburg State University @ FSU at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday - 2/12

*Track & Field vs Susquehanna Invitational @ Selinsgrove, Pa. at 10:00 a.m.
*Men's & Women's Tennis Sea Gull Open @ TBA
*Men's Lacrosse @ Greensboro at 1:00 p.m.

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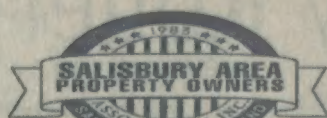
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